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SUBJ: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONIN TEGUCIGALPA

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 1633, (B) TEGUCIGALPA 2112

1. A DEMONSTRATION, ESTIMATED BY THE PRESS AT 400 PERSONS, BUT WHICH APPEARED SOMEWHAT LARGER AND WAS MADE UP PRIMARILY OF UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, WALKED THROUGH MAIN PART OF COMAYAGUELA, TEGUCIGALPA'S TWIN CITY, PAUSED IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND CONTINUED TO TEGUCIGALPA'S CENTRAL PLAZA. IT DISPERSED QUIETLY AFTER HEARING NUMEROUS SPEECHES ATTACKING THE GOVERNMENT FOR CORRUPTION AND URGING THAT CAPTURED SANDINISTA, GERMAN POMARES (REF A), NOT BE EXTRADITED TO NICARAGUA.

2. COMMENT: THE MARCH, SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY AND SECORNDARY STUDENTS, ANTI-SOMOZA ORGANIZATIONS AND SOME DISSIDENT TRADE UNIONS, WAS A SMALLER SCALE REPEAT OF MAY 1 DEMONSTRATION (REF B). IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN LARGER HAD IT NOT COINCIDED WITH TEGUCIGALPA'S FIRST RAIN IN FOUR MONTHS. ALTHOUGH SECURITY APPEARED TIGHT AROUND THEPRESIDENTIAL PALACE, THERE WERE NO
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INCIDENTS. WHILE STUDENTS HAVE OCCASIONALLY USED DOWNTOWN PLAZAS FOR MEETINGS, THIS ONE FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE MAY 1 LABOR DAY EVENTS AND MAY INDICATE THE FIRST SIGNS OF GROWING POPULAR IMPATIENCE WITH THE MILITARY REGIME'S SCANDALS AND DELAYS IN PROGRESS TOWARDS ELECTIONS.
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